



SHASTA COUNTY

Office of the Sheriff



June 13, 2019

Tom Bosenko
SHERIFF - CORONER

Re: California Public Records Act Request
Sheriff's Office Use of Force/Complaints Data

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

This responds to your Public Records Act Request, received by the Shasta County Sheriff's Office on June 5, 2019, which the Shasta County Sheriff's Office originally responded to on June 17, 2019. Thank you for allowing us this time to further respond. Your request seeks statistics on use of force incidents from 2013 to 2018, and also seeks copies of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office policy manual and current union contract between Shasta County and deputy sheriff's unions.

In regards to numbers #5 and 6, I have attached the current union contract and policy manual as requested. The total number of use of force complaints between 2013-2018 is 7, and the total number of sustained complaints is 0. As for numbers #1 and 2, which seek the total numbers of use of force incidents broken down into various categories, we have determined that we potentially are in possession of records that we understand to be responsive to your request. The search for potentially responsive records and a determination of the number of pages of responsive records is ongoing and has not yet been finalized. Our estimate is that it may take several months, and likely much longer, for the County to complete a records search and prepare duplicates of any responsive records resulting from the search. This is due to the voluminous nature of the request and the amount of time and staff required to perform a comprehensive search. Many of the types of records being requested would only be stored in a paper, non-digitized format. Accordingly, staff will need to manually review such potentially responsive files in order to ascertain where responsive records exist. Additionally, should any redaction be necessary, this will be need to be performed manually. The estimated period of time required to perform the records search should not be interpreted as an indicator of, or proportionate to, the number of records that may be identified as subject to public disclosure.

Due to the immensely significant amount of time and resources required for our office to comply with your request, in the event you are interested in amending your request to narrow its scope, either with respect to time or to seek records of specific officers, please advise immediately.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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